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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

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No. 07-15718  
Non-Argument Calendar

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D. C. Docket No. 06-00494-CV-4-RH-WCS

MARKEL AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY,

Plaintiff-Counter  
Defendant-Appellant,

versus

CURTIS JONES, an Individual  
and as Parent and Natural Guardian  
of Curtis Jones and Shabraeliah Jones,  
minors,  
ANNIE JONES, an Individual and  
as Parent and Natural Guardian of  
Curtis Jones and Shabraeliah Jones, minors  
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A Delaware Corporation,  
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DAVID COLE, et al.,

Defendants.

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Appeals from the United States District Court  
for the Northern District of Florida

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**(June 18, 2008)**

Before BIRCH, DUBINA and WILSON, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:

Markel American Insurance Company (“Markel”) appeals the district court’s grant of summary judgment in favor of Martin Electronics, Inc., MEI Holdings Inc. (“MEI”), Curtis Jones, and Annie Jones. Markel argues that the district court erred by refusing to enforce an exclusion in its commercial umbrella liability insurance policy providing excess coverage to MEI. Markel says that it has no duty to indemnify MEI for amounts paid to settle lawsuits arising from injuries to MEI’s employees in the workplace because the policy unambiguously excludes coverage for MEI employees who were injured by other employees during the course of their employment. Alternatively, Markel says that a material issue of fact exists, requiring the case to go to trial.

We agree with the district court that the exclusion is ambiguous because it is susceptible to more than one reasonable interpretation, one providing coverage and another limiting coverage. *Auto-Owners Ins. Co. v. Anderson*, 756 So. 2d 29,

34 (Fla. 2000). As a result of the ambiguity, the exclusion must be interpreted “liberally in favor of the insured and strictly against the drafter who prepared the policy.” *Id.* As the district court held, the most logical reading of the exclusion requires “a direct or immediate injury” by a fellow employee, which does not fit the factual circumstances of this case. Accordingly, we affirm the district court’s Order Granting Summary Judgment On Liability, dated September 6, 2007.

**AFFIRMED.**